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Newsletter

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Sixth Sunday

6th Week in Ordinary Time
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Next Sunday's Readings

- Leviticus 19:1-2. 17-18
- Ps 102:1-4.8.10.12-13 R.v.8
- I Corinthians 3:16-23
- Matthew 5:38-48

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Jesus calls for a change of heart

To follow God and speak in his name presumes that we are ready to keep the commandments. In fact Sirach insists that God has given no one permission to sin. This should remind us of advice from Jesus that sometimes sounds strange to our ears, *'If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away...'* He is speaking in an exaggerated way to get our attention; clearly, he does not intend these words to be taken literally. The image of tearing out our right eye links back to his understanding of adultery-not just as a physical act but as an intention or desire of the heart: *'whoever looks at a woman lustfully...'* Jesus goes beyond the actions prohibited by the Ten Commandments to the roots of those actions in the human



heart. This is the 'deeper' virtue he referred to a few verses earlier. But here is a major insight: Jesus calls for not just a change of behaviour but a change of heart, a purifying of desire and intention. We must strive to be sincere in our effort to follow Jesus.

St. Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians (2:6-10) understood this personal change to be the work of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who renews the human heart. It is above all in prayer that we open ourselves to the Spirit of God.

ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

As a consequence of the current situation we ask for your understanding if Holy Communion will not be administered under both kinds until further notice. That means that the Extraordinary Ministers will not administer Holy Communion from the chalice at weekday and Sunday Masses. A reminder goes out to all EMs to use the sanitizers available on the credence tables on either sides of the Sanctuary before distributing the Sacred Hosts.

We encourage you to not shake hands but rather nod your heads to each other for a sign of peace.

THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest: Canon John Clark MA

Parish Clergy: Fr Joseph Donkor MA, Fr Dennis Bukunya CSSp and Deacon Julian Burling

Team Members: Sr Francis SSA, Sr Dorothy Perrott OSU and Cristina Connolly

Youth Minister: Eleanor Bowman

Adult Faith Formation Officer: Kelly Hockey

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Do come and have a chat with other parishioners over a delicious breakfast in the Lower Hall today 16 February after 8.15am Mass until noon.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Good Friday we will have Stations of the Cross led by the young people of the parish at 6pm in church. If you are in Y8-Y13 and would like to get involved, we will have our 1st session on Thursday 5 March from 4-5pm in the Youth Room. For more information please contact Eleanor (Youth Minister): eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

CANDLES IN CHURCH

Please never leave lighted candles in church - these are a fire hazard! You can light votive candles provided and place them on the candle holders.

ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Re-imagining the parish orchard: tree-planting? wildlife garden? veggie beds? outside space for prayer and reflection? if you have ideas for our grounds, want to get involved in parish gardening, or would just like to hear more, please come along to a brainstorming session with the parish Environment Group, on Sunday 1 March, 6pm, in the Parish Lounge. Ed Belderbos, a Sacred Heart parishioner and head of local garden design and landscaping company, Belderbos Landscapes, will be on hand to offer advice. Teas & coffees will be provided.

LIVE STREAMING

Link for live streaming of daily 10am Masses and Sunday 8pm Masses: www.churchservices.tv/wimbledon

Parish News

AT HOME

There will be an *At Home* on Monday 17 February from 7.30-9pm. Canon John is available to see anyone who calls in to the Presbytery. If you wish to talk about any matter, please do come along, no appointment needed.

DATABASE ENTRIES

We have recently sent emails to a large number of parishioners who were registered on the parish database by card registration (rather than on-line) to give them access to their personal details. Several emails have

been bounced as '*not known*' or '*undeliverable*.' It may be that you have changed your email address in the meantime or that it was incorrectly entered originally. If you have not received an email with log-in details, please send your name and email address to website@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk and we will update your record. You will then receive a welcome letter with log-in details. Please note that if you already have log-in details you can amend your

personal details at any time. Please do not 're-register' as it can be time consuming to sort out duplicates.

SCHOOL SLIPS

School slips will be collected again after the half term break.

SIGNED & SPOKEN MASS

A signed & spoken Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 23 February at 4pm in the Sacred Heart Chapel in the church. All with hearing difficulties welcome!

Announcements

'MESSY CHURCH'

Tuesday 3 March from 4.30-5.45pm in the Lower Hall, families with primary school aged children are invited to join us to explore a bible story in new and creative ways. There will be games, arts and crafts to help us explore the theme, refreshments available.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020

'A service for everyone. Rise! Take your Mat and Walk'. On Friday 6 March, World Day of Prayer there will be services at St John Fisher

Church, 207 Cannon Hill, SW20 9DB (at 10.30am) and at Christchurch West Wimbledon, SW20 0RZ (8pm), themed '*Praying with Zimbabwe*'

Refreshments are served after each service, all are welcome!

SACRED HEART NIGHT SHELTER

Our parish will be running a Night Shelter in the Lower Hall for Merton homeless people on Sundays from 5.30pm-9am for 7 weeks between 15 March - 26

April. Our guests will be welcomed between 6-8pm, offered a hot meal, shelter for the night, and breakfast in the morning.

Thank you to the many who have already volunteered for the Night Shelter shifts! There has been a fantastic response but there are still places available if you are considering to help on one or more Sundays. Training is essential. Email David (dthurst52@gmail.com) for more information. Thank you once again.

Parish Organisations

PARISH SOCIAL CLUB

The Parish Social Club will be having a Senior Citizens Party on Friday 21 February at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Entry is free. There will be a raffle and refreshments including a buffet. For numbers please call or text 07895 726 167.

YOUNG ADULTS

The young adults (18-35) community are holding a Pancake Night on Tuesday 25 February from 7pm. Please contact eleanor.bowman@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk for more information including the address, we would love you to join us!

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friday March 6 at 2.30pm in the Lounge: Quiz, do come and join a team for our fun Quiz afternoon. Prizes! Tea & cakes as usual. All welcome

Social, Cultural & Notices

THE PASSAGE

Come and enjoy a St David's Day concert in aid of *The Passage*, a Christian Charity working with homeless people, at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster on Friday 28 February at 7pm. The concert features the London Welsh Male Voice Choir with guest soloists Claire Jones (harp), Aled Wyn Davies (tenor) and Guto Harri (Compère). Book online via stdavidssday.eventbrite.co.uk For full details

please visit www.passage.org.uk or contact 020 7592 1856 or email info@passage.org.uk

MUSIC FOR LENT

Tuesday 10 March at 7.30pm in the church. David Gammie plays Petr Eben's dramatic musical illustrations of the *Book of Job*, with bible readings by Dr William Griffiths.

ACADEMY CHOIR

The Academy Choir Wimbledon will be giving a very special performance of Handel's dramatic and engaging

oratorio *Saul* alongside the Academy Baroque Players and a quintet of top operatic soloists (including Christopher Purves and Sarah Tynan) on Saturday 14 March at St John's, Spencer Hill. Tickets are from £15-30 (£5 for students and under 18s), available from the choir's website, www.academymusicwimbledon.co.uk

New to the Parish?

Please introduce yourself to a member of the Parish Team after Mass and register online at <https://sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/> or by filling in a registration form, available at the back of the church.

OPEN MORNINGS

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, KT3, is delighted to announce that it received an Outstanding judgement in last November Section 48 inspection. Inspectors commented on 'a high standard of Catholic education, excellent leadership and exemplary (pupil) behaviour'. Come & visit our school on Tuesday 3 March, Wednesday 22 April, Friday 22 May at 9.15am for open mornings. We have limited vacancies in some year groups. Contact us on - 0208 942 0215, school@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk,

WORLDWIDE

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

For the past 50 years *Worldwide Marriage Encounter* has been offering marriage enrichment retreats all around the world. Focused on couples who want to enrich their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage, the retreat offers a unique experience. It's a chance to explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level, regardless of how long you have been together. The next retreat is 6-8 March in Swindon, why not find out more at wwme.org.uk

Exploring our Faith

A PILGRIM'S JOURNEY HOME TO THE FATHER

Mini retreat over three evenings led by Fr Enzo Tacca, OFM, from the Grotto of Our Lady of Revelation in Rome. From Monday 17 to 19 February between 8-10pm in the Lower Hall, Fr Enzo will be holding a 2 hour session each evening exploring the riches of the *Our Father*. There is no charge for attending the meetings, however, if you would like to attend please contact either Sr Emmanuel on 020 3092 4222 or Audra on 07958 782 779, to reserve your place. Light refreshments will be provided from 7.30-8pm. Please bring your bibles.

TALKS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

The series of talks about Mary for young people continue in March. The talks, organised by a number of Southwark Clergy for the *Faith Movement*, will take place at Our Lady of the Assumption and St Gregory RC

Church, 24 Golden Square, W1F 9JR, at 7pm on Tuesdays 3 ('*Mother of the Church*' by Sr Andrea Fraile) & 17 March ('*Devotion to Mary*' by Fr Richard Marsden). Light refreshments will be available after each talk. All welcome.

FCJ VOCATIONS WEEKEND

'There is nothing quite like religious life – it's an extraordinary adventure into a deep relationship with God': A weekend for Young Women (20s & 30s) reflecting on the vocation to religious life. 28 Feb - 1 Mar FCJ (Faithful Companions of Jesus) Community, Liverpool; to reserve a place, please contact Sr Lynne fcj lynnefcj@hotmail.com.

DOMINICAN YOUTH MOVEMENT

Lent Study Weekend themed '*The Way of the Cross: 'Crux stat dum volvitur orbis'*' A team of Dominican friars and sisters will lead participants on a weekend of study and reflection on the

meaning of the cross 'which stands still' at the centre of our lives 'while the world revolves'. Aimed at young adults and university students: 28 - 29 March, The Kairos Centre, Maryfield Convent, Mt. Angelus Road, London, SW15 4JA. Tickets range from £60-120 according to what people can afford. Non-residential tickets also available for more information and to book email dym@english.op.org

KNOCK SHRINE

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, celebrating the feast of St. Patrick. 16-20 March, £599.00 p/p sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with breakfast & dinner, all entertainment, excursions, lunches on days out. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268762278 or 07740 175 557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

CELEBRANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY

6.30pm (Sat) Fr D Bukenya 11.15am Fr J Donkor
8.15am Fr D Bukenya 12.45pm M Barnes SJ
8.30am* Fr J Donkor 5.00pm Canon J Clark
9.45am Canon J Clark 8.00pm Fr D Bukenya

* SH School Mass Centre

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 15 6.30pm Pamela Grostate RIP
Mon 17 7.30am Josephine Govingdarajah RIP
10.00am Caroline Basti Ints.
6.30pm Aemon Lawler RIP
Tue 18 7.30am Cosmo Alchin RIP
10.00am Michael Murphy RIP
6.30pm George Parkes RIP
Wed 19 7.30am Josephine Govingdarajah RIP
10.00am Mary Bridget Kelleher RIP
6.30pm Pat Appleby RIP
Thu 20 7.30am Thanksgiving to St Anthony
10.00am Mary Canty RIP
6.30pm John Daly RIP
Fri 21 7.30am Kitty Hayes RIP
10.00am Bridie's Recovery
6.30pm Betty Heard RIP
Sat 22 7.30am Joy Cruz RIP
10.00am Eilish Healy RIP

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Those who have died recently: John Garrett, Godfrey Lataya-Muwanga, Pat Appleby, Joy Cruz

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Hugh Johnston, Bridget Maher, June Stroud, Caitlyn Blount, Agnes Almeida, Frank Mondelli

The sick: Harriett Cahill, Catherine Gapp, Patsy Banks, Margaret Tolmie, Peter Kosciolek, Pauline Hearn, Brendan Hollingsworth, Tilly Walters, Ian Parr, David Carrier, Colin Sims, Mary Ann Williams, Maria Keaveney-Jessiman, Annette Wheatley, Paul Jong, Richard Conceicao, Sheila Soodin, Maureen Searle, Kieran Walsh, Paul Saunders, Carol Donnelly, Damji Vadhia, Margaret Birch, Manjula Topno, Alina Hancock, Simon Hull, Lalita Nagar, Cath O'Neill, Andrew Tan, Tom Searle, John Burke-Gaffney, Donald Derx, Margaret Lumley, Electa Almeida, Brian Sewell

Please note that for data protection reasons, individuals must explicitly agree for their names to be mentioned in our newsletter. Please let the Parish Office know **in writing** if either your name or the names of your relatives and friends should appear in our sick list.



COLLECTIONS

Collection at Mass last Sunday came to £1,186 in loose plate giving and £319 from the Planned Giving envelopes making a total of £1,505. This does not include £4,000 from monthly standing orders.

The second collection in support of Racial Justice Sunday Collection raised £1,071. Thank you for your generosity.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Monday 17 February Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Friday 21 February St Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday 22 February The Chair of St Peter the Apostle

EXPOSITION

Sundays: 3.00 - 4.00pm

(Prayers for the Pope and the Catholic Church in Britain)

Wednesdays: after the 7.30am and 10.00am Masses and 5.25 - 6.25pm

Fridays: 5.25 - 6.25pm

On first Fridays of the month there is exposition from after the 6.30pm Mass to Midnight.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays:

10.30 - 11.30am

3.00 - 4.00pm

6.00 - 6.20pm

Monday - Friday:

6.00 - 6.20pm

MUSIC AT THE 11.15am MASS

Missa sine nomine, Palestrina

Cantate Domino, Hassler

Agnus Dei (from Mass), Palestrina

PARISH SERVICES

Parish Office/Reception Hours: 9am - 5pm (Mon-Fri) 9.30am - 1pm (Sat) 9am - 1pm (Sun) [A range of religious and greeting cards are on sale at very competitive prices - please feel free to call to view.]

Executive Assistant & Hall bookings: Thelma D'Costa (Mon - Fri 9.30am - 5pm) Caretaker: George McLennan

Parish Pastoral Council: ppc@sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk or contact Anne Waldron (Chair) at anne@annewaldron.com or 07886 034 323

Baptism, Marriage, First Sacraments, Funerals contact the parish 020 8946 0305

Bereavement Support: For more information please contact the co-ordinator by email bereavementsacredheart@gmail.com or call 020 8946 5198, Referral forms available in the Presbytery Reception

Admission to Hospital: RC hospital chaplains will only be aware of your admission if you specifically ask for the hospital chaplaincy team to be informed. Please tell a member of the ward staff, it is also helpful to let your parish priest know.

[St George's Hospital Chaplaincy: Fr Mark Higgins (020 8725 3069)]